

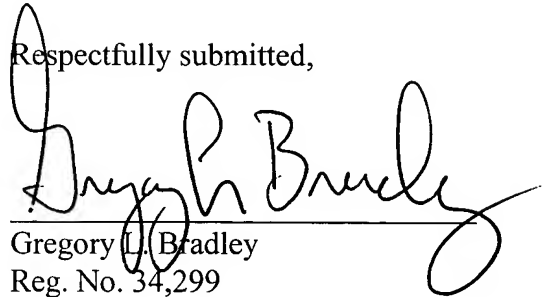


REMARKS

Applicants have submitted this amendment to correct a typographical error in the specification. Therefore, no new matter has been entered.

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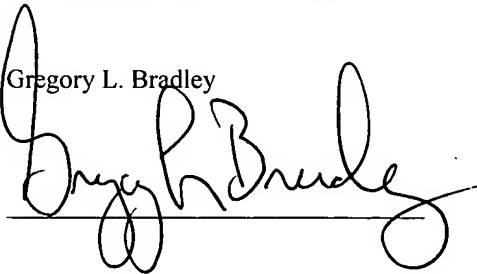
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VERIFICATION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 14, as follows:

As described above, adapters can be used to attach different types and/or sizes of syringes to the syringe loaders of the present invention. However, attachment of adapters can use valuable operator time and storage/retrieval of multiple types of adapters can be a problem. Alternatively, a syringe mount or interface that is suitable to attach more than one size of syringe thereto can be provided. Such syringe interfaces are described in U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/317,2[44]55, filed on September 5, 2001, assigned to the assignee of the present invention, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

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